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STATEMENT

The recent onslaught launched with the support of US marines against the people of Nicaragua once more exhibited the ugly face hanging behind international terrorism. This terrorist crime committed against Nicaraguans who make tireless efforts for construction of a free future for themselves and for healing the wounds caused by the US monopolies is the most recent evidence that the US imperialism does not pay attention to a single norm or provision of human rights and the international law order.

Efforts made to strangle the Nicaraguan revolution by the US imperialism who invaded and occupied the liberated island Grenada and conducted an onslaught against the people of Lebanon together with zionists is not dissociated from its preparations for a global nuclear war. Mining of harbours of this country since last December by the order of Reagan Administration, with the help of CIA which is a means of terror met with broad protest of world public opinion and it was characterized as an unexpectable act by even by the allies of the USA, by the most conservative West European governments.

The Communist Party of Turkey strongly protests this onslaught of the US imperialism against the young Nicaraguan state. The CPT appeals all patriotic forces to condemn this onslaught and to raise their voice to stop this act that violates the free will of peoples.

The inhuman and anti-peace face of the US Administration that is being presented by Evren-Özal clique to our people as a "friend" and an "ally" is evidently clear. Under the conditions of deployment of new US missiles in Western Europe and attempts of deployment of nuclear missiles in a series of countries, including Turkey, the policy of driving the mankind into a total annihilation, the policy of the US circles who are the prisoners of such doctrines, as "a limited nuclear war" and "a first nuclear strike" should be stopped. Now a more powerful protest is necessary against the US imperialism who aims to swallow up the liberated people and attempts to drag the mankind into a nuclear conflagration and who is the main ally of Evren-Özal administration.

The CPT calls upon all patriotic forces to raise the solidarity with the heroic Nicaraguan people. the liberation struggle of our people is not separated from the future of the Nicaraguan people.

Ugly Americans, hands off Nicaragua!

April 20, 1984

*Secretariat of the Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey*

HAYDAR KUTLU, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT EVALUATES THE LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

Haydar Kutlu General Secretary of the CC of the CPT made a speech on '*Voice of the CPT*', on March 30, 1984 about outcome of local the elections on March 25, 1984 and the tasks facing the party. He pointed out that the elections took place under the conditions of a fascist dictatorship in which the CPT and other left parties are declared illegal, torture in prisons, repression and brutality all over the country continues, thousands of patriots are in prisons, martial law is in operation. He noted that the regime of Evren-Özal partners not only oppressed the left forces but also the opposition parties. Under such conditions he says, March 25 local elections neither democratic nore a proof for passing into democracy. He states:

In the local elections of March 25 1984, Prime Minister Turgut Özal and his party has been defeated *vis-a-vis* extra parliamentary opposition. The people voted for opposition parties who come against Özal's policy. Opposition parties received 43 % of total votes whereas the governing party had only 41 % of the votes. Now the governing party is in minority. The people opposed the adventurous foreign policy which drives us into the wake of Pentagon, tha policy of ruining national economy and austerity, fascist repression and tortures.

Moreover, T.Özal and his party could not even preserve the number of votes they gained in November 6 general elections, votes of ANAP (Motherland Party) dropped from % 45 to % 41. Obviously, millions of people, believing in Özal's empty promises, reluctantly voted for him. Nobody however can claim that votes given to Özal's party means a support of government's policy.

In the local election of March 25, made-up opposition parties in the parliament, MDP (Nationalist Democracy Party) and HP (Populist Party) leave alone preserving the number of votes they gained in November 6 elections, the number of votes they received dropped from 54 % to 17 %.These two parties failed to go beyond the 10 % minimum limit that was put against the progressive parties and they were wiped out. Now, inner parliament parties, so-called opposition parties do not represent anybody. Now the junta guided opposition tactics have collapsed, the parliamentarian mask covering the fascist regime has fallen apart and the ugly face of the dictatorship has appeared.

All three junta parties represented in the parliament therefore have lost nearly half of the votes which they have received in the general elections and that, despite one million invalid votes was 95 % of total. Illegitimacy of general elections has been confirmed. The parliament neither represents the national will, nor the real aspiration of the people. This parliament and this government are not legitimate.

Following the local elections, despite the appearance of some new lines in the country's political situation, there is no serious change. The CPT explained from the very beginning that there is no room to hold out any hopes for elections taking place under such circumstances. It would be a mistake to expect that the dictatorship would melt away and disintegrate by itself through the votes received in the local elections by this or that party, without a powerful forward leap of workers and the working people, without a courageous and persistent resistance of masses against the Evren-Özal clique. By looking at the facts that three parties who were not allowed to participate in the general elections

have participated this time and got a considerable support of the people by their votes, those who think that the situation has been changed and passing into a democratic regime is true, will very soon realize painfully that they have mistaken. The crisis in Turkey is deep and a structural one. The international climate, especially the situation in our region is very tense. The US imperialism takes such steps in the region that would create serious dangers. Without becoming helpless in the face of a powerful resistance of the people, neither the Evren-Özal partners who hold the power at present, nor Reagan and his partners who allegedly announce themselves as champions of human rights will allow passing into a democratic regime just for democracy. They are the mortal enemies of democracy. Passing into a democratic regime is only possible by overthrowal of the pro-American dictatorship.

During past three years, the dictatorship conducted attacks by every means against Turkish and Kurdish, all democratic, patriotic forces in order to pave the way for present anti-popular government. By the end of three years however, the US imperialist circles and the collaborating oligarchy have not yet reached to their presupposed aims fully.

It is the time now for Evren-Özal partners to get prepared for a merciless attack. What do we want to note here?

Firstly, the junta and its government have taken a series of steps in the direction of the US plans in connection with Turkey, new military bases were given to the USA for deployment of its rapid deployment forces while the previous ones have been enlarged. Bargainings began for deployment of new US nuclear missiles and chemical weapons in these bases. However, nuclear missiles and chemical weapons have not been deployed in our soil yet. Turkey was declared as a region of a "first strike" in a nuclear war to be launched but the ways of getting rid of these threats have not been totally and unreturnably choked. Turkey was appointed with an important role in an imperialist attack directed to the Persian Gulf and a series of diplomatic and military steps have been made along the direction of US gendarmerie of Turkey in the Middle East. But, Turkey has not been yet dragged into the flames of war along our borders.

Secondly, neo-colonialist powers and their ilks inside the country, the speculative, monopoly capital have made considerable initiatives in the direction of ruining the foundations of national economy which was established after the liberation struggle especially through Turkish-Soviet cooperation. The country has been subjected to flood of dollar, state owned-public enterprises have been handed over step by step to the foreign and domestic monopolies. The enemies of our people however have not yet appropriated the main state-owned enterprises wholly, could not reach to the positions they aimed to do, strategical centres of the country, namely telecommunication, transportation, railways, energy supply and some other fields. Deep cracks have been created on the walls of customs barriers which protect the national economy, required channels for the imperialist capital to ruin the national economy have been opened but they have not reached to the target of making Turkey an open market, a free trade zone.

In the international division of labour, a role of being a country based on

agriculture was given to Turkey for a long time, industrial investments have been stopped, eyes of the US agricultural monopolies, foreign and domestic tycoons turned to the land, wheat, tobacco and cattle of the peasants, preparations have been made for imperialism to lay their hands upon agriculture through price increases on fertilisers and seeds, lower state-fixed minimum prices of agricultural products. With this purpose, opportunities of peasants to defend themselves through cooperatives were put under the control of the state and the control of big capitalists. But the aim of establishing the full control of foreign and domestic monopolies over agriculture have not been realised yet.

All these dangers are more real and closer than ever. Özal's government will implement the plans of the US imperialism and the collaborating oligarchy in all these fields more openly and mercilessly. It will launch an onslaught against the workers' wages, incomes of the public employees and the peasants, and against the state-owned enterprises. It will clench the doors of prisons more tightly and drag the country into dangers behind the nuclear war carriage of the USA. Not even a week passed since the local elections, Özal's government has completely forgotten about his lavish promises, minimum wages was increased only by 25 % whereas prices of oil, fertilisers, sugar and wheat have considerably increased.

This course which is in a deep contradiction with the interests of overwhelming majority, above all of the working class, the peasantry, small shop-owners and artisans, petty, medium enterprise owners and even with the interests of some big enterprise owners, can be stopped. Local elections became an indicator for the capability of the forces to stop Evren-Özal partners has felt itself more apparently. Seven million voters, working people, peasants, small shop-owners, petty and medium enterprise owners, no matter which opposition party they voted for, but voted against the government even under the most unfavourable conditions. This strong anti-dictatorial opposition movement at the same time has been set up against "Turkey to be the US colony", "drag of the country into the flames of war", "ruin of the national industry", "unemployment and poverty" and also against "violation of human rights". Slogans of "general political amnesty", "Freedom for DISK leaders", "Down with the USA and fascism" were raised in demonstrations first time after three years. Demands of the masses inserted an influence on the political forces in the anti-dictatorial positions even if some are temporary, and also combined the struggle against the junta for democracy with the struggle for peace, national independence, for social and economic rights.

The line of the 5.Congress of our party, our new party programme was corroborated in the first test of struggle. For the first time, the mass basis of the struggle for peace and democracy has come into light concretely. It is clear that the only relevant response given to the demands and aspirations of seven million people as it was expressed in their votes for different parties is the programme of our party.

There is no doubt that it would be a mistake to exaggerate the situation. Broad masses voted against the dictatorship but they are not yet ready for decisive struggles. They are under the influence of bourgeois opposition and reformism. These forces, due to their class positions, do not call upon the people to unite for their own desires and demands and for active actions. They are in a conciliatory position between the dictatorship and the people.

Now , while the government carries on bargainings with the US imperialism,

putting on sale whatever we have, we, the communists believe in the necessity of a national democratic dialogue among all forces opposing Evren-Özal partners. There is no other important task than stopping this course. We believe that such a dialogue is in harmony with the demands of seven million people who opposed the dictatorship in local elections.

The task at present is to raise the struggle outside the parliament.

Information

WITHIN LESS THAN FIVE MONTHS FROM GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LOCAL ELECTIONS...

In Turkey, general elections on November 6, 1983, five months later was followed by local elections. In both elections, despite the Motherland Party (ANAP) who was backed by the imperialism and the collaborating oligarchy was the winner, the conditions and their results present some differences.

The junta allowed only three parties to participate in the general elections. The generals openly supported the Nationalist Democracy Party. (MDP) Even Kenan Evren, the head of the junta, made a speech with the aim of attracting the votes to MDP and openly threatened the people. The people however, inspite of all threats of the junta, did not vote for MDP and the ANAP gained majority of votes, became the winner of general elections. The people therefore, expressed its opposition to the dictatorship, its indignation against repression, arrests, slavish dependence on the US imperialism and ruin of the economy. The people put forward its desire for a radical change in the regime, and used their votes in contrary with the impositions of the junta and voted for ANAP. Nearly one million people used invalid votes in accordance with the appeal of the CPT and other progressive forces. Some did not even go to the voting poles. One of the important factors making ANAP the winner of the general elections was that Özal was supported by imperialism because he was unhesitatingly following the line of the US imperialism and fulfilling the demands of the IMF. American Wall Street Journal stated that if Özal was not allowed to participate in the general elections, Turkey would be in a difficult position. (Cumhuriyet November 9, 1984) The election campaign of Özal was carried out by the US Bechtel Company. The company is known in the USA as "Californian Mafia" and involved in production of nuclear power stations and military construction business. Among its directors are Shultz, Weinberger and Parker Hart, ex-embassador of the USA in Ankara. All candidates of Özal were reviewed by the representatives of this company.

Undoubtedly, general elections did not bring any change in the regime. The Motherland Party came into the power, a made-up parliament was formed. Only the junta guided parties, so-called opposition parties, Nationalist Democracy Party and the Populist Party (HP) have seats in the parliament. The civilian mask for the fascist dictatorship therefore was ready. Here it must be noted that according to the Constitution of the junta, President Evren is authorized

to make decisions on some crucial matters and moreover ANAP ruled the country by neglecting the parliament, through nearly 150 decrees.

November 6 elections were characterized by internal and external reactionary forces as a step towards a democratic regime. Developments however proved not what has been said but how our party has forecasted. (Appeal of the CC of the CPT dated September 20, 1983; Durum, 1983). Above all, the government programme included the impositions of the IMF, required conditions for further exploitation and plunder of domestic and foreign monopolies, escalation of militarism, growth of military expenditures and closer cooperation with the US imperialism. In addition, some steps were taken in support of the aggressive plans of the US imperialism in the East Mediterranean and in the Middle East. In this connection, the statement of Strausz-Hupe, the US Ambassador in Ankara is rather interesting. He says: "The US Administration welcomes Özal's government and its programme. As long as Turkey receives 'aid' from the USA, it should take into account the attitude of the US public opinion. (Cumhuriyet, February 28, 1984) Another step of Özal's government was approval of new treaties with the USA for purchase of more weapons

Soon after formation of the government, all consumption goods had price increases. The state fixed minimum prices of agricultural products remained at low levels. Collective bargaining has never implemented fully.

Following the general elections, repression, persecutions and arrests leave alone being stopped but took new dimensions. 18 leaders of the Peace Committee of Turkey were sentenced to 8 years and 5 of them for 5 years of imprisonments. 37 death penalty demands of the military persecutor were signed and 137 more death penalty demands are in the files of military courts. The trial against the Labour Party of Turkey (TİP) was concluded with 10 years of imprisonments for 10 members and leaders of TİP and 5-8 years of imprisonments for others. Legal proceedings started against 120 TİP members. Interrogations have begun for 3694 trade union members and leaders in 30 different trials opened against number of trade unions. Despite the denial of the dictatorship, even the Western press drew attentions on tortures in the prisons of Turkey. Die Welt dated February 1, 1984 noted that 15 persons who were on a hunger strike, protesting inhuman conditions and torture in Diyarbakır prison were killed.

The First Plenary Meeting of the CC of the CPT gathered under such conditions and put forward the tasks to stop the Evren-Özal partnership, to weaken the fascist regime further, to carry a struggle against the US military bases and deployment of nuclear missiles, struggle for peace and national independence, struggle for a general political amnesty, to defeat the austerity policy and to carry a struggle for achievement of trade union rights. The CPT appealed our people and all forces for peace and democracy to unite for a struggle for realisation of these demands.

Local elections took place this case with participation of three more parties. While imperialism and the local businessmen gave open support to Özal, Evren-Özal partners on the other hand inserted anti-democratic measures onto the extra parliamentary parties during the election campaign. Some party headquarters were searched by the police, some of their leaders were cross-examined. One of the candidates of the Righteous Path Party, Husamettin Cindoruk sent a telegramme saying that "the police set up a station in the party headquarters". On the other hand the junta guided, reactionary press conducted a campaign

of slander and an anti-communist propaganda against the CPT. Twenty four hours before the elections, one of the bourgeois papers (*Günaydin* March 24, 1984) published the copy of the statement of the CPT on local elections (*Durum*, March 1984) and wrote: "The Communist Party of Turkey makes intensive efforts to make the opposition parties outside the parliament winners of elections... The CPT leaflets are distributed door to door in Istanbul.

Imperialism and domestic monopoly circles gave an open support to Özal in local elections. D. Newberry, the US Consul General in Istanbul stated: "I do not think that those parties who are making debates on the past will have a chance" (*Milliyet*, March 19, 1984). The message he wanted to give was that extra parliament parties would not be successful in the local elections.

Nalle, the US Consul General, in Izmir also went to Antalya and visited some party headquarters wanted to know the opinions of party leaders on some crucial matters such as relation of Turkey with Arab countries and especially with Israel. (*Cumhuriyet*, February 9, 1984) On the eve of elections, these initiatives of the US consuls were nothing else but direct interference in the internal affairs of the country.

The US financial circles also declared their support for Özal government.

J. Stinchcombe, General Director of the US Express Bank said "If this government remains in power, we should not have any worry. If the government changes however, the situation will not be that easy." (*Güneş*, March 24, 1984). General Director of the Gulf Bank underlined the importance of Turkey from the point of imperialist interests lying in the Middle East. He stated: "The political climate in Turkey has matured enough for a flow of a great volume of capital... recently, Turkey gives an impression of a country without any risk" (*Hürriyet*, March 25, 1984).

It should be noted here that the Turkish press under monopoly control conducted an intensive campaign to influence the people in favour of Özal.

Under such conditions, local elections took place on March 25, 1984 and ANAP gained 41.3 % of the total votes. It had a loss of nearly 4%. Other two junta guided parties on the other hand, the Nationalist Action Party and the Populist Party had enormous losses. The Social Democracy Party, one of the opposition parties outside the parliament and not allowed to participate in the general elections, gained 23.4% of the votes and became the second party after ANAP. Hence, the election contest in reality was between the pro-dictatorship and the anti-dictatorship forces.

Local election results were presented by the Turkish monopoly press imperialist circles as a success of Özal and "return of a democratic regime" Imperialism and the collaborating oligarchy who openly supported Özal did not hide their appreciation about election results. Şarık Tara, Director-in-Chief of ENKA Holding said: "I find the election results very positive. Democracy operated very well." Nurullah Gezgin, Chairman of the Executive Board of Chamber of Industry in Istanbul stated: "These results prepared the basis for political and economical stability. I believe that the situation which we longed for it for years will have a positive contribution to our economic and social life." And the view of Ali Koçman, Chairman of the Association of Industrialists and Businessmen of Turkey (TÜSİAD): "Now, the government has a great opportunity to implement its programme easily" (*Cumhuriyet* March 27, 1984).

The evaluation of local elections by Turkish business circles was in full harmony with that of imperialism. Here are few examples: John Tower, Chair-

man of the Armed Forces Commission of the US Senate: "Elections in Turkey is a step towards democracy". Manfred Wörner, Defence Minister of the FRG: "With the new government in Turkey, cooperation between two countries in the military field has reached to an easier stage" (Hürriyet, March 28, 1984) Bob Slington Chairman of the Country Risk Department of Chase Manhattan Bank: "with the local election results, the cost of economic stability will be less. The monetary policy in Turkey is on the right track." (Tercüman, April 1, 1984)

Haydar Kutlu, General Secretary of the CC of the CPT, in his speech on the "Voice of the CPT" warned the people that following the elections a more merciless attack of Evren-Özal clique would be on the way. Developments corroborated the coming dangers. What is meant here can be explained by few examples.

Nearly ten days after the elections the Chief Public Prosecutor opened a case against the Righteous Party (DYP) claiming that it was the continuation of the Justice Party (AP) and demanded the ban of its activities. In addition, another case was opened against Y. Avcı, the leader of the party by the Martial Law Command of Aegean Region for some of his election speeches. One year of imprisonment was demanded 40 death penalties were passed only in a month following the elections. In a single case, the military prosecutor demanded 278 death penalties. Legal proceedings have started against Osman Özsek, the Chairman of the Union of Agricultural Chambers of Turkey, İbrahim Yetkin, Association of Turkish Agricultural Men and Sami Doğan, Chairman of Agricultural Engineers' Chamber of Turkey with the reason of their criticism of state-fixed purchasing prices for tobacco. Moreover, cases were also opened against two trade unions affiliated to DİSK, namely Bay-Sen (union of construction workers) and Sine-Sen (union of film artists).

Following the elections all consumption goods had considerable price increases. Inflation rate only in April was 8.3%. According to the papers the budget deficit has mounted to one thousand billion TL. (app. 3000 million dollars) in another words, nearly 30% of the budget. By the end of April, Özal government signed an agreement with the US General Dynamics on production of F-16 bombers in Turkey at the cost of 4.2 billion dollars. On the other hand, the US ITT Company has applied for investments in Turkey. In this connection, Director of the Near East and African Region of the ITT, John Aho said: "We had been waiting up to now for various reasons. We made our decision after the local elections If we did not see the future of Turkey rather clear we would not invest a cent." (Günaydin, April 19, 1984)

The course of Evren-Özal partnership now brings closer all anti-dictatorial forces. The central organ of the CPT, Atilim writes: "The CPT and other left forces, Social Democracy Party, Welfare Party and Righteous Path Party in certain extent are in agreement on evaluation of election results, in protest of deployment of US missiles. All these forces are also against the economic policy of the government. If these forces, despite their differing positions, strike a blow on the same target, they can create a favourable atmosphere for further unity of broad masses. The CPT bases its elaboration of the necessity of a national, democratic and constructive dialogue among all anti-dictatorial forces on such concrete factors.

But the main factor to deepen the crisis of the regime and to bring closer the national democratic forces is transformation of growing indignation of masses into concrete actions. Now there are first indications appearing in this perspec-

tive. Tobacco producers in Aegean, Marmara and Karadeniz region raelised united actions of protest against the dictatorship for the first time. More than 16 thousand students in Middle East Technical University organised a three days of lunch boycott. Number of small scale resistances in work-places is increasing. Thousands of prisoners' relatives are in the state of action.

Now the communists concentrate all their attentions on the state of the masses, on their vital problems, their mentality, their organisation and no matter how small it is, on the each action of protest of the masses" (Atilim, April 15, 1984, Let us Get Ready for a Hard Struggle)

EVREN-ÖZAL STYLE OF "DEMOCRACY"

"First repressive measure starts with curse and swear. Then you are put into another room, your private belongings are appropriated and every person is beaten heavily until he gets fainted, without taking into consideration if he is guilty or not. Then he is put into a cell. In the evening he is taken into another warrant. They take all the clothes of the arrested and leave him totally naked. Then his feet are put between two pieces of wood and these are scewed tightly. Arms and the neck are fastened to another piece of "U" shaped wood. Two tyres are placed around the waist. Then executors start beating with sticks, steel wires, wood pieces, kicking and hitting by sacks full of sand. In the intervals, the superintendent Altan gives the order to unfasten the hands of prisoner and with a false, "friendly" mask on his face asks: "Speak! Who is your organiser? What is your responsibility in this organisation?". The prisoner says, "I struggle not for killing people but to keep them alive. I work in a legal organisation and my duties are within laws" Same kind of torture but in additional a different type of it, electrial shock methods start again. As a consequence of torture, the prisoner is fainted. As soon as he opens his eyes, questioning is repeated. As they get no reply, superintendent Altan gives the order: "Send them down". The prisoner than is put onto a table and pushed down. This continues for days, weeks. (a lettter, received by the '*Voice of the CPT*' and read in its broadcastings on April, 27, 1984)

"In Mamak prison, inhuman application and torture increased unprecedently. At first, fascist prisoners were run amok on the progressives. Then, soldiers like blood-thirsty animals began to beat the revolutionary-democrat prisoners. As a protest, the prisoners boycotted the breakfast on the following morning. In the court the prisoners said: "Instead of submitting to torture, we prefer to die" and the hunger strike is turned into a death-feast.

...Prisoners were brought to the court on the shoulders of soldiers. Their relatives were taken into the court an hour late. The prisoners told to the court that despite the search just before leaving the prison for the court were searched again fron top to bottom by taking off their clothes, hitting and beating. When they rejected such inhuman acts, they were beated wildly by the police. When a mother of a prisoner saw her son in the court with heavy marks of torture on his body and on his face, she fainted. Despite the shouts of authorities, the court was occupied by the prisoners' relatives for some time. (From a letter from a prisoners relative received by Atilim, April, 1, 1984)

**TO COMRADE KONSTANTIN CHERNENKO
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPSU**

Very esteemed Comrade Konstantin Chernenko,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and on my own behalf, I would like to congratulate you wholeheartedly on the occasion of Your election as President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and , convey our best wishes.

Communists of Turkey and the working class of our country evaluate Your appointment for such a responsible task as an expression of respect you have gained as being a Leninist leader for long years in the ranks of the CPSU and in the responsible state organs, as an expression of deep confidence of the Soviet people.

Communists of Turkey highly appreciate the peace policy of the USSR, the policy based on good neighbourhood relations with the people of Turkey on principles of mutual benefit and peaceful co-existance.

Very esteemed Comrade Konstantin Chernenko,

We wish you great successes, health and well-being in your responsible task.

April 11, 1984

With our Communist Greetings

Haydar Kutlu

Central Committee

Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY

Dear comrades,

On behalf of the communists of Turkey and the working class of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey congratulates the fraternal Iraqi Communist Party on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its foundation and conveys its revolutionary greetings.

The Iraqi Communist Party, working under severe and complex conditions since its foundation passed through hard tests of struggle waged by the Iraqi people for the national and social liberation. The 50th anniversary of the foundation of Your Party coincides with a period when the US imperialism and NATO make plans about a "first nuclear strike" against the socialist countries, try to extend the sphere of action of NATO to our region, and the fascist regime in Turkey prepares itself to take an active part in these plans. The Communist Party of Turkey demands the immediate stop of the war going on between Iraq

and Iran which gained new and dangerous dimensions with the threat of interference by Pentagon and immediate start of peaceful negotiations between two countries. It protests the efforts for interference of Turkey, a NATO country, into internal affairs of two countries on behalf of imperialism and Arab reaction.

The CPT was in the forefront of the forces who condemned the military operation of the fascist junta in May 1982, which was launched in Kurdistan of Iraq and that caused harm also to the Iraqi Communist Party. Our Party considers today the possibility of such military intervention and aggression still exists. The CPT opposes the national oppression against the Kurdish people living in neighbouring countries. It considers as its international task to give support to their struggle in harmony with the interests of international working class. Taking into consideration the latest developments in the Middle East, the CPT regards further development of its realtions with the fraternal Iraqi Communist Party as highly important.

Dear comrades,

On the 50th anniversary of founding of the fraternal Iraqi Communist Party, our Party wishes to the fraternal Iraqi Communist Party great successes in realization of the tasks of struggle it has put forward.

March 31, 1984

With our communist greetings

Haydar KUTLU

General Secretary

Central Committee

Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PALESTINIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Dear comrades,

We learned with a great pleasure that the 1st Congress of the fraternal Palestinian Communist Party has been convened. Your Congress took place in days when the US imperialism and the heads of NATO try to use every means against the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including its right to form its independent state, the aggressiveness of Israel takes brutal dimensions, the confrontations in our region contain the danger of eruption of a world war at any moment and under the conditions which present new tasks for the national liberation movement. On behalf of the communists of Turkey and the working class of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey congratulates You cordially for your realization of Your 1st Congress successfully under such complex and hard conditions, and conveys its revolutionary greetings.

Dear comrades,

The efforts of the US imperialism and NATO to turn Turkey into a spring -board against the neighbouring socialist countries, and into a reserve gendarmerie of imperialism, next to Israel against the peoples of the region, including the Palestinian people, have been intensified lately. Since a fascist regime is in power in Turkey, the dangers confronting our peoples increase further more. The CPT opposes with everything in its power the plans of Pentagon and calls upon the broadest possible forces of our country to raise the solidarity with the Palestinian people. Our party supports the efforts of the Palestinian Communist

Party in regard with reinforcing the cooperation and solidarity among all fraternal parties in our region. The CPT is fraternally bound to the Palestinian Communist Party on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We wish You great successes in realizing the programme and all resolutions adopted by Your 1st Congress.

April 11, 1984

With our communist greetings
Haydar KUTLU
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

**TO COMRADE ROMESH CHANDRA
PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL**

Dear comrade Romesh Chandra,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, of the Communists of Turkey and on my own behalf, I would like to congratulate You sincerely on Your 65th birthday anniversary and convey our best wishes.

Beginning from young ages you have been participating in the struggle for the ideals of peace, democracy, national independence and social justice. In the most fruitful years of Your life, You have been successfully fulfilling such a responsible, significant task as being President of the World Peace Council. The Communist Party of Turkey appreciates highly with Your consistency in defence of the right to live which is the most fundamental right of the humanity and defence o world peace, Your deep considerations for the peace policy of the Soviet Union who is the greatest guarantee and friend for the peace forces all over the world and Your wholeheartedly solidarity with the struggle of peace-loving and democratic forces in Turkey while deployment of US missiles in Turkey is on the agenda and under the conditions of fascist dictatorship in which leaders of the Peace Committee of Turkey were sentenced to years of imprisonments.

Dear comrade Romesh Chandra,

On Your 65th birthday anniversary, we wish You health, well-being and great successes in Your responsible task.

March 30, 1984

With our Communist Greetings
Haydar KUTLU
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey



